We are ALL learners!

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS’ DAY

On Monday 31st March, the Student Parliament leaders attended the National Young Leaders Day at Qantas Credit Union Arena in the city. The purpose of the day was to learn more about leadership skills and how to become better student leaders.

After catching the train into the city, and walking a few blocks, we arrived at the Arena. We listened to a few famous leaders speak, including Bob Carr. After recess, we listened to a few more speakers, including Andy Griffiths, who shared some funny stories with us. We also played a game where everyone in the audience had to work together to move a giant beach ball from the top of the arena to the bottom, and then all the way back up to the top! After lunch, and an ice-cream from McDonald’s, we listened to the last speaker of the day, Ita Buttrose. All of the speakers who presented throughout the day told us stories of how they had become leaders. We learnt lots about what it means to be a good leader.

By: Blake
(Student Parliament Minister)

GIANT SCIENCE

On Tuesday 1st of April, 60 students from Year 6 went to the University of Sydney as part of the Compass Program. We learnt all different science skills and met new people. Year 6 students were split in two groups with a compass leader. Our group went to the science labs to learn about ‘Leaf Litter’. We got to catch lots of different types of bugs and then look at them under a microscope. The other group got to make sea creatures out of recyclable materials. Both of the groups then met up to participate in ‘Puzzle’ activities. We learnt lots of different Science facts and skills throughout the day. We had a lot of fun and we hope we can go back there again. We hope we can go visit Sydney Uni again soon!

By: Annika and Isabella 5/6 Terrific

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Whilst students enjoyed their last day off school on Monday, staff participated in teacher learning. Mrs Wedgwood, Mr Young, Mrs Chamron, Miss Taylor and Miss Kavouras showed the rest of the staff who the Condell Park PS Jeopardy champions were and Mrs Pope showed her skills as quiz hostess!

More than twenty of our teachers presented to their peers on a range of topics from creating websites for class use to writing IEPS (individual learning plans for students with special needs). Below Miss Ross is showing Miss Cipolla how ‘Behaviour Baseball’ works and Miss Pearce is demonstrating with Mrs Sowmi how L3 (Literacy and Language Learning) works in kindergarten classrooms.
STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House collection bags have been sent home today with the youngest student in each family. If you have any unused clothing, in reasonable condition, then please send it to school in the Stewart House bags and help Condell Park PS in contributing to the Stewart House charity.

Stewart House bags need to be taken to outside the AV room (near the library) before 10 am each day.

The last day for collection of Stewart House bags is Thursday 15th May.

Thank you for your supporting this wonderful charity.

M.Kilada

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes have been sent home today. This is an opportunity to help this charity by donating a $2 coin. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year.

Simply insert a donation of at least $2 into the envelope and seal it. Complete entry details on the back and place the envelope in the money box outside the office to be eligible for the draw. Submit your entry by Thursday the 15th May. You might win a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

Thank you for your support.

M.Kilada

OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2015

(For students who are currently in Year 4)

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 23rd July, 2014.

If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2015 on behalf of your child, you need submit an application online. Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Online applications close on Friday 16th May, 2014. Applications after this date will not be accepted.

If you do not have internet access, a printed application form can be collected from Miss Taylor. These paper forms must be completed and returned to the school by Friday 16th May, 2014.

CHICKEN EGG COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered our competition to guess the weight of the biggest egg laid so far by our CPPS chickens!! We can now reveal that the weight of that egg was 81 grams!! Congratulations to our winner MARIAM HUSSAIN from 4/5 S, who guessed 80 grams! Enjoy your prize of 6 wonderful eggs from our very own chickens!!!

WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT IS LIKE BUG?

In Week 11, all students met Bug. Ask your child to tell you what Bug’s strengths are and how Bug is similar or different to themselves.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday 1 May: Year 4 & 5 Pinocchio Excursion
- Thursday 8 May: Mother’s Day Stall
- Monday 12 May: Cross Country Carnival – Kearns Oval
- Tuesday 13 May: NAPLAN
- Wednesday 14 May: NAPLAN
- Thursday 15 May: NAPLAN

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:

Please note that all school perimeter gates will be locked from 9:30am – 2:55pm. The only entrance will be from Augusta Street, via intercom.

STUDENT PICK UP

School hours are 8:55am – 3:00pm Monday – Friday. If you are unable to pick your child up at 3:00pm, please advise the office on 9796 7998 and arrangements will be made to send your child to after school care, where a fee will be charged. No children will be minded in the office.